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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of June, 1985)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during June showed an increase for the first time since September, 1984. The land crew total increased by one crew, and the marine crew total increased by six for a net increase of seven crews.

The June total (371) represents an increase of 2% over last month, a 26% decrease from June, 1984, a 21% decrease from June, 1983, a 40% decrease from June, 1982, a 47% decrease from June, 1981, a 31% decrease from June, 1980, and a decrease of 8% over the same month in 1979.

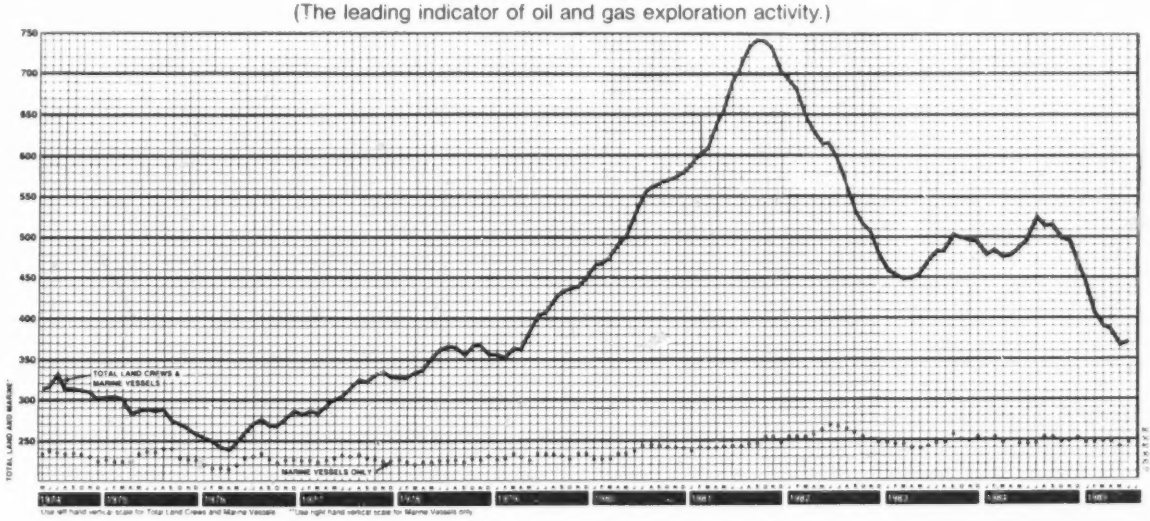
During June, ten contractors were operating twenty-two of the 294 land crews and ten of the forty vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	June 84	June 83	June 82	June 81	June 80	June 79
	371	364	500	471	615	696	535	404

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	June 1984	June 1983	June 1982	June 1981	June 1980	June 1979	This Mo.	Last Mo.	June 1984	June 1983	June 1982	June 1981	June 1980	June 1979
70 Contr's:	294	293	418	387	503	610	457	333	40	35	38	37	62	37	32	26
10 Oil Co's:	30	30	37	41	43	42	39	39	6	5	7	6	7	6	6	5
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	324	323	455	428	546	652	496	372	47	41	45	43	69	44	39	32

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

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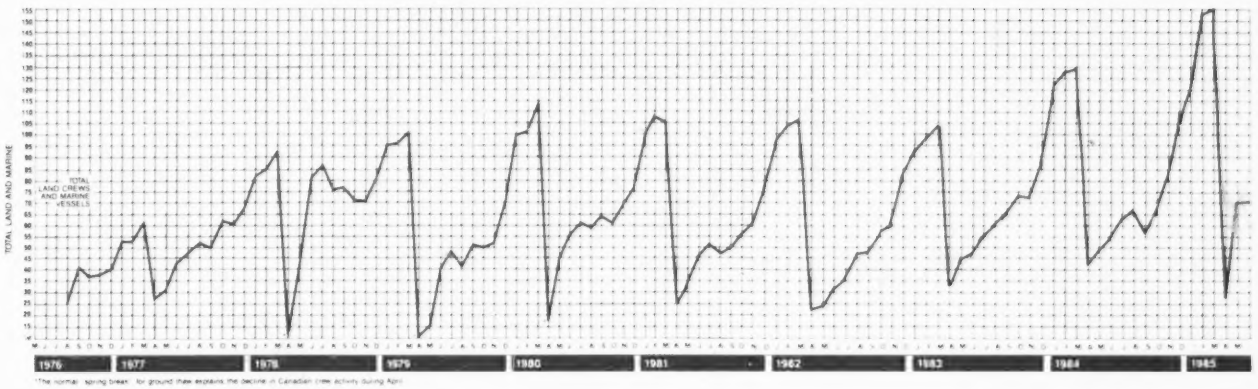
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

JUNE, 1985 (May figures in parentheses)

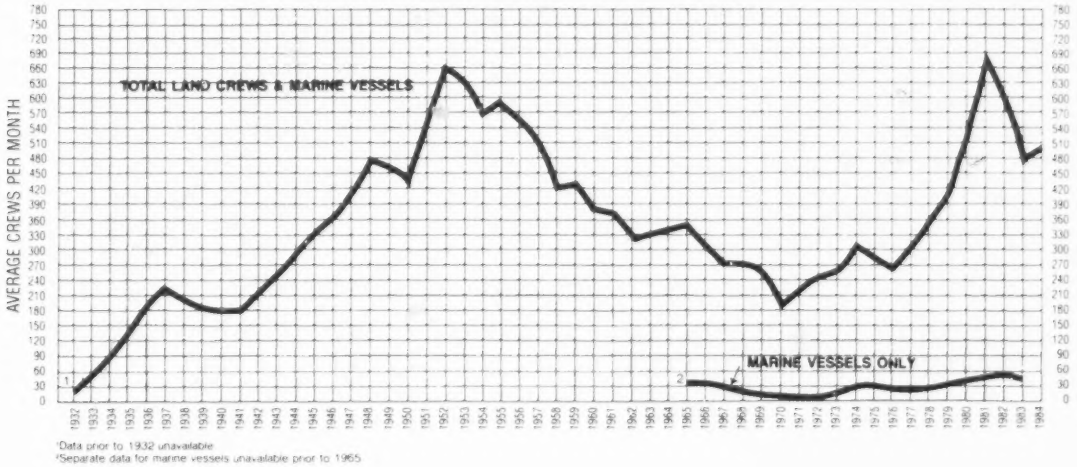
	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
32 Contractors:	63 (61)	5 (6)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	66 (64)	5 (6)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



[1]Data prior to 1932 unavailable
[2]Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965